

I am concerned that the low rate (\$7.751 per minute) will stifle new developments that improve the service quality of the VRS and video technology over public internet. It is still so new that we deaf should be able to have the functional; equivalency of dial tone just like the law says.

This low rate will not encourage all VRS providers to keep up with current technologies that are still in their infancy. The deaf people still do not have capabilities like the hearing people; for example, conference bridges, not all have Mac compatibility etc. These are the basic functions of hearing & public phone system treating hearing people have out there for 15 or so years and the deaf people still do not have that.

The rate will be too low to encourage the upgrades needed to keep up and keep improving to meet the high quality needs of full motion sign language. Hearing people do not have to slow down their talking to get quality, they can talk at their natural fast audio pace, deaf people still are not there yet!

Thank you for listening.